

EXPORTABLE REPORT TEMPLATES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0040] The present invention enables the export and import of report templates using financial management application software. Report templates include layout information but not actual financial data. A user creates a report by specifying query parameters and a report layout. The query parameters and layout are then stored independently, i.e. exported from the data they are applied to in creating the report. When a user wishes to import a report template, the user specifies the template to be used, and it is read by the application software. The query parameters and report layout within the report template are then applied to the user's data in order to create a new report having the structure specified by the template. Since the data used to create the report is not stored along with the report template, no privacy concerns are implicated.

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